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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application. Applicant requests a two-month extension or until October 18, 2004, to respond to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$215.00 is attached to cover the extension of time fee.

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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